

WHEREAS; established in 1973, the Bearskin State Trail is a scenic, multi-use recreational trail that serves Wisconsinites year-round; and

WHEREAS; named after its position along the Bearskin Creek, the Bearskin State Trail runs 21.5 miles between the communities of Minocqua and Tomahawk, following the path of a historic railroad line that was constructed to export white pine logs from the forests of northern Wisconsin to major midwestern cities; and

WHEREAS; the Bearskin State Trail was designated as a National Recreational Trail in 1978; and

WHEREAS; the Bearskin State Trail showcases 16 converted railway trestle bridges and opportunities for four seasons of scenic beauty, including dense forest, creeks, natural springs, spruce and tamarack bogs, and lakes; and

WHEREAS; the Bearskin State Trail provides a nearby connection to the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest and Hiawatha Trail, which provide recreation, conservation, and economic benefits to the region; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating 50 years of the Bearskin State Trail and its many contributions to tourism, recreation, and stewardship in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 2023 as

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEARSKIN STATE TRAIL

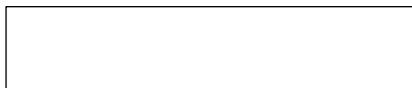
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 21st day of July 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State